

Resolution # TC-2073

Resolution to Approve the Colorado State Freight and Passenger Rail Plan

Approved by the Transportation Commission on: March 22, 2012

WHEREAS, the Colorado Transportation Commission (Commission) has statutory authority pursuant to 43-1-106, C.R.S. to approve, accept and amend various planning documents resulting from Section 135 Title 23 of the USC, and 43-1-1101 through 1105 C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Congress passed the 2008 Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act which calls for states to have an approved State Rail Plan in order to be eligible for federal funding for passenger rail investments, and

WHEREAS, the Commission provided matching funds for the Colorado Department of Transportation's grant from the Federal Railroad Administration to develop the Colorado State Freight and Passenger Rail Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, a fifteen month planning effort incorporating considerable stakeholder involvement including a Steering Committee and Stakeholder Group has led to the completion of the draft Plan; and

WHEREAS, the draft has been made available for a 30+ day review and comment period, and

WHEREAS, comments received have been reviewed and incorporated as appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the State Freight and Passenger Rail Plan be adopted as the basis for the railroad element of the future CDOT Long Range Statewide Transportation Plan and the foundation of the Interregional Connectivity Study and the Advanced Guideway Feasibility Study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon acceptance of this resolution, CDOT will forward the Plan to the Federal Railroad Administration for final concurrence.


Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado